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***New Jersey's Corn Production Down 45 Percent from Previous Year***

- **Corn for grain** production is set at 4.06 million bushels, down 3.33 million bushels from 2001. Production decreased 45 percent from last year's crop. Yield decreased 54 bushels per harvested acre for the 2002 crop. This is the lowest corn yield since 1966, with the exception of the drought year of 1999 when final yield per acre was 37 bushels. The state record yield is 134 set in 2000. The 10-year (1992-2001) state average yield is 104 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is set at 70,000 acres, up 4,000 from last year.
- **Alfalfa Hay** production is set at 75 thousand tons, down 27 thousand tons from 2001. Yield decreased by 12 percent to 3 tons per acre for 2002. Harvested acreage decreased by 5,000 acres.
- **Other Hay** production is set at 135 thousand tons, down 18 thousand tons from 2001. Yield decreased by 12 percent to 1.5 tons per acre for 2002. Harvested acreage remains unchanged at 90,000 acres.
- **Soybean** yield is set at 23 bushels per acre, down 8 bushels from last year. Production decreased from 3.13 million bushels in 2001 to 2.23 million bushels in 2002, down 29 percent. The state record yield is 40 bushels per acre set in 2000. The 10-year average yield is 31 bushels. Area harvested for beans is set at 97,000 acres, down 4,000 from last year.

**Acreage, Yield, and Production of Corn, Hay, and Soybeans**

Crop	Unit	Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
NEW JERSEY		- Thousand Acres -		- Units -		- Thousand Units -	
Corn for grain	Bu.	66	70	112.0	58.0	7,392.0	4,060.0
Corn for silage	Tons	13	18	16.0	10.0	208.0	180.0
Hay, All	Tons	120	115	2.13	1.83	255.0	210.0
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	30	25	3.4	3.0	102.0	75.0
Other Hay	Tons	90	90	1.7	1.5	153.0	135.0
Soybeans	Bu.	101	97	31.0	23.0	3,131.0	2,231.0
UNITED STATES		- Thousand Acres -		- Units -		- Million Units -	
Corn for grain	Bu.	68,808	69,313	138.2	130.0	9,506.8	9,007.7
Corn for silage	Tons	6,148	7,490	16.6	14.0	102.1	105.0
Hay, All	Tons	63,521	64,497	2.47	2.34	156.8	105.0
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	23,822	23,135	3.37	3.19	80.3	73.8
Other Hay	Tons	39,699	41,362	1.93	1.86	76.4	77.1
Soybeans	Bu.	72,975	72,160	39.6	37.8	2,890.6	2,729.7

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